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Press Release

Ready, Steady, Ski from Leeds Bradford

Leeds Bradford Airport (LBA) is today (12 December) celebrating the start of the ski season with the commencement of flights to 5 gateway airports this winter across Switzerland, France, Austria and Spain (for Andorra) providing quick and easy access to the major ski resorts.

With direct low cost flights to Geneva, Chambéry, Grenoble, Salzburg and Barcelona operated by LBA's low cost carriers there is now an even greater choice for those heading for the slopes on a ski or snowboard holiday this winter.

Jet2 and Jet2holidays have the widest selection of ski destinations to choose from with low cost flights and holidays to Geneva, Chambéry, Salzburg and Barcelona.

easyJet and easyJet holidays are jointly offering the largest weekly frequency of flights and holidays to Geneva with up to 5 weekly services serving the French and Swiss Alps.

Monarch will serve Grenoble with a Saturday flight whilst Inghams and Crystal Holidays will offer a wide choice of weekend ski packages to France, Austria and Switzerland.

For skiers wishing to fly long haul, British Airways offers excellent connections via HeathrowT5 to both Canada and the USA.

Tony Hallwood, Aviation Development Director, Leeds Bradford Airport said;

"With our widest ever choice of ski departures Yorkshires skiers can be on the slopes within hours of leaving Leeds Bradford."

Steve Heapy, CEO of Jet2.com and Jet2holidays said:

"We're thrilled to be celebrating the start of our biggest ever ski season at Leeds Bradford International Airport. With more seats available to popular ski gateways Andorra (Barcelona), Chambéry, Geneva and Salzburg, we are the only airline giving local people the widest choice of great value flights to the slopes."

Ali Gayward, UK Commercial Manager, easyJet commented:

"We are delighted to have the largest frequency of weekly flights to Geneva flying directly from Leeds Bradford Airport. Geneva opens up access to some of Europe's best ski locations and is a key destination for us. Our customers can take advantage of easyJet's affordable fares and friendly service this winter."

Adrian Tighe, Chief Commercial Officer, Monarch Airlines, commented:

"We are pleased to be once again offering the skiers of Yorkshire weekly flights to Grenoble, the gateway to some of the best ski resorts in France. Leeds Bradford Airport is proving to be a successful and popular base for Monarch and we know our ski customers enjoy the chance to fly conveniently from their local airport."

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Notes for Editors

Leeds Bradford International Airport

- Leeds Bradford International Airport (LBA) is Yorkshire's international gateway airport.
- LBA was the fastest growing airport in England in 2013.
- LBA serves 70 direct destinations across 23 countries flying with 10 major airlines.
- Direct ski flights this winter will operate from LBA serving the following European ski destinations; Switzerland - Geneva, Austria - Salzburg, France – Chambéry and Grenoble, Spain -Barcelona.
- Ski flights will be operated from LBA by Jet2.com, easyJet and Monarch.
- LBA also provides multi daily frequencies to the 3 major international hub airports of London Heathrow (British Airways), Amsterdam (KLM) and Dublin (Aer Lingus) which offer connections to worldwide ski destinations including North America.